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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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December 9, 2004 Riverside, California

Thursday, December 9, 2004

GENERAL BUSINESS (#1-4)

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1. • Roll Call

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The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order at 8:55 a.m. on December 9, 2004, at the County Administration Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Supervisor's Chambers, Riverside, California

Roll call was conducted. The Commissioners attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Bob Balgenorth, Chair

Joseph Tavaglione, Vice Chair

Marian Bergeson James Ghielmetti Jeremiah Hallisey Allen Lawrence R. Kirk Lindsey Esteban Torres

Members Absent: Senator Kevin Murray, Ex-Officio

Assemblymember Jenny Oropeza, Ex-Officio

Chair Balgenorth welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Marian Bergeson. Commissioner Bergeson has more than 22 years in governmental service as secretary of education under Governor Pete Wilson and as a state Senator and Assemblywoman. Chair Balgenorth noted this is the first time the Commission has had eight members, since he has been a member of the Commission.

Chair Balgenorth also welcomed the new Caltrans Director Will Kempton, stating he looks forward to a very positive working relationship and that Mr. Kempton's appointment is a good step in the right direction for transportation.

2. • Approval of Minutes for October 28, 2004 Meeting 1.2

Chair Balgenorth presented the October 28, 2004 Minutes for approval. Vice Chair Tavaglione moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Commissioner Hallisey seconded the motion, which carried 7-0-1 (Commissioner Bergeson abstained)

3. • Commission Reports 1.3

Commissioner Balgenorth reported on his trip where he toured the two and one-half mile suspension bridge that is to be built from Italy to Sicily.

Commissioner Ghielmetti reported on the TACA meeting he attended on November 10 where dedicated funding was the major issue. The Committee decided to meet more frequently next year in an effort to bring more

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attention to aeronautics and more knowledge regarding aviation issues, as well as reviewing legislation affecting aeronautics and land use. Commissioner Ghielmetti recommended that the Commission endorse the Mojave Airport Project for a Tranny Award.

Commissioner Lindsey complimented the people involved with putting on the three–day "Focus on the Future Forum," where transportation issues were discussed at length. Commissioner Lindsey took a tour of the Hearst Ranch, which was hosted by Stephen Hearst, thanking him for the invaluable coast line they were willing to sell to the State.

Commissioner Lindsey reported that the Goods Movement Transportation Forum held yesterday, December 8, was very well attended and suggested that a standing Goods Movement Advisory Committee be created. Chair Balgenorth agreed and asked Commission staff to return with a mission statement at the January Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that he toured the "Mission Meridian Station Village" in South Pasadena, which will be discussed under Item #71.

Commissioner Hallisey reported on two articles from the New York Times that were distributed to the Commissioners regarding the Caltrans' District 7 office building and the Bay Bridge.

 Prepare a letter for Chair Balgenorth's signature nominating the Mojave Airport/Spaceport for a Tranny Award.

ACTION: Robert Chung

 As per the Commission recommendation that a standing committee on goods movement be formed, prepare a mission statement for the new committee and present it at the January Commission meeting. (January Agenda Item)

ACTION: Annette Gilbertson

-- Election of Officers

Commissioner Lindsey moved to nominate Vice Chair Tavaglione as the new Chairman for 2005. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

Vice Chair Tavaglione nominated Commissioner Hallisey as the new Vice Chair for 2005. Commissioner Ghielmetti seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation

The List of Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation for the month of November 2004 was presented for approval. Vice Chair Tavaglione moved to approve the List. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

BUSINESS. TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY REPORT (#5)

5. • Report by Agency Secretary and/or Deputy Secretary 1.5

John Ferrera, Assistant Secretary BT&H, thanked Chair Balgenorth for his service this year and congratulated Commissioners Tavaglione and Hallisey on their new positions stating the he plans to work closely with the Commission under their leadership. Mr. Ferrera also welcomed Caltrans Director Will Kempton.

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Mr. Ferrera asked his colleagues to call their legislators and work with Ken De Crescenzo to help coordinate a trip to Washington D.C. to once again appeal to the California Congressional delegation on the Federal reauthorization issue.

CALTRANS REPORT (#6-15)

• Report by Caltrans' Director and/or Deputy Director 1.6

Will Kempton, Caltrans' Director, thanked Riverside County for hosting the Commission and Chair Balgenorth for the wonderful work he has done over the past year, and congratulated Vice Chair Tavaglione and Commissioner Hallisey on their new positions as Chair and Vice Chair, thanking them for their comments and explained that his door is always open to the Commission. Commendations were given to Anne Mayer, District 8 Director, for what she has done for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Mr. Kempton acknowledged his two friends Eric Haley from RCTC and Norm King from San Bernardino.

Mr. Kempton explained that, due to Secretary McPeak's influence, they were able to personally meet with the Governor to ensure he is advised of our current transportation issues and funding problems.

Mr. Kempton announced that this is Carl Haack's, Caltrans Director of Project Management, last meeting. He will be leaving the department for work in the private sector. Other employees leaving the Department are Brice Paris, Division Chief for Right of Way and Warren Weber, Chief of Rail.

John Ferrera, Assistant Secretary BT&H, congratulated Mr. Paris and Mr. Weber on their retirement, thanking them for their friendship and service.

 Caltrans Monthly FY 2004-05 Finance Report and 3.1 Revised Cash Flow Report

Bimla Rhinehart, Caltrans Acting Chief Division of Budgets, presented the monthly FY 2004-05 Finance Report and Revised Cash Flow Report. Ms. Rhinehart included in the presentation a five-year cash forecast chart that reflected different Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) transfer and gaming revenue scenarios. The point of the presentation was that irrespective of the scenarios examined, \$900 million is available for project allocation in FY 2004-05 to the Commission; this is a \$400 million increase from the \$500 million that Caltrans originally estimated was available at the start of the fiscal year. The federal ethanol impact was reviewed in detail. Chair Balgenorth thanked Ms. Rhinehart for the presentation and chart that was presented.

Deputy Director Stephen Maller stated that although the allocation capacity for the year has improved by \$400 million, by going from \$500 million to \$900 million, this is still not much money and suggested the Commission schedule a workshop in January 2005 to devise an allocation plan for the SHOPP that will leave some allocation capacity for the STIP.

John Ferrera, BT&H Agency Assistant Secretary, reported that at a meeting with the Governor and his staff last Wednesday, the Governor committed to learn more about the transportation funding problem and is pursuing all legal issues to get the gaming compact dollars back into transportation; but in his opinion, the money will not be available in this budget year. Mr. Ferrera reiterated to the audience that they need to communicate to the legislature that a short-term fix doesn't mean a long-term solution and that **predictability and reliability of resources is critical to transportation.**

Commissioner Lindsey had several questions for Ms. Rhinehart, and after a lengthy Commission discussion, the following action was taken:

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 Fifth Cycle AB 1012 Unobligated RSTP, CMAQ, and 3.7 Regional TEA "Use it or Lose It" Balance Report

Norma Ortega, Caltrans Local Assistance, reviewed the Fifth Cycle AB 1012 Unobligated RSTP, CMAQ and Regional TEA "Use it or Lose it" Balance Reports. Approximately \$230 million in RSTP, CMAQ, and Regional TEA funds were at risk at the beginning of the year. All funds were obligated except for \$5 million. Caltrans expects the regions to obligate the remaining funds by the end of the month, but thinks that three counties will ask for six months extensions.

 Sixth Cycle Notification of Unobligated RSTP, CMAQ, 3.8 and Regional TEA Funds per AB 1012 "Use It or Lose It" Provisions

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, reviewed the Sixth Cycle Notification of Unobligated RSTP, CMAQ and Regional TEA Funds per AB 1012 "Use it or Lose it" provisions. Notices for the Cycle 6 were sent out on November 15. This year's Notices totaled \$119 million, which is a significant drop from last year.

• Final Close-out Report on FY 2003-04 Local Assistance 3.9 Lump Sum Allocation

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, reviewed the FY 2003-04 Local Assistance Lump Sum Allocation quarterly report. This allocation is good for three years and is expected to be fully utilized.

Per Commissioner Lindsey's request, review and provide information on why there
is a big change in the number of projects but not a big change in the number of
dollars.

ACTION: Norma Ortega

• Local Assistance Quarterly Lump Sum Allocation Status 3.10 Report for 2004-05 Fiscal Year

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, reported on the local assistance lump sum allocation for FY 2004-05. Ms. Ortega indicated the Commission allocated only \$775 million from the initial \$1.1 billion allocation request pending the final close-out report by the Department on the prior year's allocation. The Department is planning to request the remaining Fiscal Year 2004-05 allocation at the Commission's January meeting, but may push back the request to the May meeting.

12. • FY 2004-05 1st Quarter Project Delivery Report 3.11

Carl Haack, Caltrans Project Management Division Chief, reviewed the Department's First Quarterly Delivery Report for FY 2004-05. Mr. Haack noted the Executive Summary that was provided in the pink "Changes to CTC Agenda."

Commissioner Lindsey said he struggles with the idea that the Department receives a right-of-way allocation of \$180 million and now there is a large amount of right-of-way money sitting in the bank. Mr. Haack agreed that the

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Department is lagging in spending the allocated right-of-way funds, and that it is working on spending the right-of-way funds. The Department will focus on acquisitions and manage obligations to keep projects moving forward.

Commissioner Lindsey said it was good news intercity rail spent half of their money in the first quarter.

Chair Balgenorth wished Mr. Haack well on his new endeavor.

 Review the statutory authority on purchases of right-of-way with Caltrans and respond to Commissioner Lindsey's question about Kaiser purchasing right-ofway for the Stanislaus Highway 219 project.

ACTION: Stephen Maller/Brice Paris

• FY 2004-05 1st Quarter Intercity Rail Operations Report 3.12

Warren Weber, Caltrans reviewed the Quarterly Operations Report for Intercity Rail. The overall ridership, farebox revenues and the passenger miles per train miles increased for all three corridors. On time performance on San Joaquin is improving, but a levee break that caused widespread flooding in the San Joaquin River delta was the primary contributor to the decline in the first quarter ridership and on-time performance suffered horrendously. The on-time performance recovered in October to 85%. Starting November 17, a second daily round trip was added on the Surfliner between Los Angeles and San Louis Obispo. The Commissioners congratulated Mr. Weber for a job well done and wished him well on his retirement.

• Status Report for the Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) 3.13 Program

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, welcomed Commissioner Bergeson and presented an overview of the Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program, which included the progress and expenditures, accomplishments, plans on how to fully fund existing obligations, and the opportunities that will open up when gaming compact funds are received.

At the recommendation of Deputy Director Robert Chung, the following action will be taken:

• Work with Caltrans on the survey of lead agencies and regional agencies regarding TCRP needs and priorities.

ACTION: Annette Gilbertson

• Status Report on Previously Approved GARVEE 3.14 Projects Not Yet Awarded

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, presented the status report on previously approved Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) projects that have not yet been awarded. Mr. Chittenden presented Caltrans' plan to fully fund Unit 5 of the San Diego managed lanes project. The projects in Los Angeles are planned to go out to bid in January and February.

REGIONAL AGENCIES AND RURAL COUNTIES REPORT (#16-17)

16. • Report by Regional Agencies Moderator 1.7

Celia McAdam, RTPA, welcomed Commissioner Bergeson and the new Director Will Kempton, stating the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) are looking forward to working with them and Commission staff at the upcoming workshop. The \$400 million increased allocation capacity was very good news. The RTPAs agree on the importance of Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PP&M), stating it is critical to keep existing allocations moving along. They will work on a proposal for the January workshop. Efforts will continue to be

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made to save Proposition 42 funds, as they continue educating people that money is not going to transportation as was intended.

Chair Balgenorth reported that when he spoke at the save Proposition 42 press conference, he did so in his role as the President of the California Building Trades Council and not as a Commissioner.

• Report by Rural Counties Task Force Chair 1.8

George Dondero, RCTF Chair, extended greetings to Commissioner Bergeson from the Rural Counties.

Mr. Dondero reported that Caltrans' legal department makes exceptions in order to keep contracts moving in the right-of-way phase so that environmental reports do not have to be redone. Will Kempton, Caltrans Director, was the guest speaker at the November 18 Rural Task Force meeting. This was the first time a Director has come to a meeting, and the members were thrilled. The rural counties feel the Governor has made a great choice in selecting Mr. Kempton as the new Caltrans Director.

The rural counties are making every effort to get word out to protect Proposition 42 funds in the upcoming budget cycle. Mr. Dondero congratulated the counties that successfully passed sales tax measures, but expressed his concern about the counties that were not able to get tax measures passed and looks forward to working with Caltrans' Self-Help Counties to look at ways to close this gap.

Mr. Dondero announced this will be his last meeting and introduced Kathryn Matthews, who has been selected to take over his duties. Chair Balgenorth thanked Mr. Dondero for his service and looks forward to working with Ms. Matthews in the upcoming year.

Commissioner Lindsey thanked Mr. Dondero for doing a great job, and said he will pursue working on a solution for helping those counties that were unable to get tax measures passed.

INFORMATION CALENDAR (#18-30)

Deputy Director Stephen Maller presented the Information Calendar agenda Items #18 through #30, with the addition of Item #63. There were no questions or issues raised by the Commission on the Information Calendar.

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18. IC • STIP Amendment 04S-008 2.1b.(1)

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) is requesting this amendment. SCCRTC proposes to delete 16 local transportation projects totaling \$6,363,000 in RIP Construction funds programmed in FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07 and reprogram the \$6,363,000 to RIP Construction in FY 2006-07 for the MetroBase Consolidated Operations Facility project (PPNO 0924), formerly known as the Consolidated Bus Operations Facility project. The affected local agencies are in agreement with deleting the projects.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed, as required.

19. IC • STIP Amendment 04S-009 2.1b.(2)

The City of Goleta (City) and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) are requesting this amendment. The City and SBCAG propose to move \$1,201,000 of RIP R/W funds in FY 2005-06 from the

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Fowler Road and Ekwill Street Extension project (PPNO 4611) to a new Ellwood Overhead Replacement project (PPNO 1840) as follows: \$222,000 in FY 2005-06 and \$979,000 in FY 2007-08.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed, as required.

20. IC • STIP Amendment 04S-011

2.1b.(4)

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is requesting this amendment. RCTC proposes to extend the project limits for the Route 91 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes project (PPNO 0092A) in Riverside County to close the gap of the HOV lane in the eastbound direction, between Adams Street and Mary Street. Programmed RIP funds of \$13,070,000 for the design phase will remain the same.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

21. IC • STIP Amendment 04S-012

2.1b.(5)

The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is requesting this amendment. MCOG proposes to augment the project scope of the Ukiah and Talmage Pedestrian Facilities project (PPNO 4100P) in Mendocino County to include Fircrest Drive Pedestrian Facility. There is no change in the total project cost. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed, as required.

22. IC • STIP Amendment 04S-013

2.1b.(6)

The Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is requesting this amendment. MCTC proposes to delete the following two RIP projects in Modoc County: Alturas Highway 299 Widening (PPNO 0053) for \$47,000 and Cedar Pass Truck Escape Ramp (PPNO 3105) for \$99,000. The unexpended RIP funds of approximately \$146,000 shall be returned to the Modoc County's unprogrammed share balance.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar and noticed, as required.

23. IC• Informational Report on Emergency G-11 Allocations. 2.5f.(1) Five projects totaling \$3,465,000.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

24. IC• Informational Report on SHOPP Safety G-01-10 2.5f.(4) Allocations. Two projects totaling \$3,244,000.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

25. IC • Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted 3.2

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but Not Awarded

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

26. IC• Monthly Report on Projects Amended into the SHOPP 3.3 by Department Action

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

• Monthly Report on Local Assistance STIP Projects 3.4 Previously Voted but not Awarded

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

28. IC • Status of STIP Cash Commitments for AB 3090 3.5 Reimbursements and GARVEE Debt Service

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

Pending Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project Letters 4.3b.
 of No Prejudice (Letter) Requests, per Resolution G-03-12
 Eight Letter requests totaling \$595,425,000

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

30. IC• Aeronautics Account Pending Allocations – 4.3c. 18 Projects totaling \$3,084,200

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR (#31-52)

CC

After a lengthy discussion regarding the two sales under Item #42, the Commission directed the Department to further evaluate Director's Deeds #32 and #33 to explain why the bids were lower than the appraised value. The two Director's Deeds will be re-submitted for action at the January 2005 meeting.

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the changes, as referenced on the "Changes to the CTC Agenda" pink handout, and recommended approving Consent Calendar Items #31 through #52 with the following modifications: Item #41 (18 Resolutions of Necessity – Resolutions C18972 Joo S. Lee, et ux. and C18976 Robert L. Schafer, et ux. were withdrawn prior to the meeting); Item #42 (45 Director's Deeds #4 DD #017881-01-03 and #5 DD #043678-01-01 were withdrawn prior to the meeting and #32 DD #073309-01-01 and #33 DD #074384-01-01 were withdrawn at the meeting). Mr. Chung noted that Item #41 required six votes for approval.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as modified and recommended by staff. Vice Chair Tavaglione seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

AYES: Commissioners Balgenorth, Tavaglione, Bergeson, Ghielmetti, Hallisey, Lawrence, Lindsey, and Torres (8)

NOES: None (0)

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3′	1. CC	• STIP Amendment 04S-003 The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is requesting this amendment. MCAG requests a change of implementing agency from the Department to MCAG on the Castle Highway project (PPNO 5264). MCAG also requests to move \$3,269,000 of RIP funds programmed for PA&ED in FY 2002-03 to FY 2004-05. This is a revenue neutral programming action.	2.1a.(1)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

32. CC • STIP Amendment 04S-004

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is requesting this amendment. OCTA proposes to advance \$2,723,000 of regional Transportation Enhancement (TE) reserve funds from FY 2005-06 to FY 2004-05 for Construction of the following four projects: San Clemente – Multi-Use Beach Trail (PPNO 9721); Westminster Boulevard – Streetscape Improvement Program (PPNO 9722); El Toro Road – Multi-Modal Trail and Landscaping (PPNO 9723); and Vereda Bikeway Gap Closure (PPNO 9724).

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

33. CC • STIP Amendment 04S-005

The Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission (Siskiyou LTC) and the Department are requesting this Siskiyou LTC proposes to unprogram amendment. \$9,729,000 of RIP funds and the Department proposes to unprogram \$10,530,000 of IIP funds from FY 2007-08 for the Construction and Construction Support phases and a total of \$2,501,000 (\$1,251,000 RIP, \$1,250,000 IIP) in unexpended PA&ED, PS&E, and R/W from the Dorris Expressway project (PPNO 0244A). Siskiyou LTC further proposes to unprogram \$20,000 of RIP funds from FY 2005-06 for the Construction phase of the Rockfellow Drive, North Mount Shasta, Ida Street Reconstruction project (PPNO 2289) and to program \$5,864,000 of RIP funds to 13 existing projects. The remaining \$5,136,000 of RIP funds shall be returned to Siskiyou County's unprogrammed shares and \$11,780,000 of IIP funds shall be returned to Interregional unprogrammed shares.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

34. CC • STIP Amendment 04S-007

The Department is requesting this amendment. The Department proposes to program \$33,091,000 in RIP funds and \$45,229,000 in IIP funds for Construction on 70 Department projects. These adjustments to Department projects address normal escalation incurred as a result of reprogramming projects to later years in the 2004 STIP.

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This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

no net change in TCR funding.

35. CC • Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Application 2.1c.(2) Amendment Approval. Three application amendments,

Resolution TAA-04-13, Amending Resolutions TA-02-04, TAA-02-08, TAA-04-05

- -- Project #1.1 BART to San Jose; extend BART from Fremont to Downtown San Jose in Santa Clara and Alameda Counties Fremont to Warm Springs Extension. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency requests an amendment to redefine the project scope and update the project schedule and funding plan previously approved under Resolution TAA-04-05. (Related item under 2.6e.(2).)
- -- Project #51 Route 101/405; add auxiliary lane and widen ramp through freeway interchange in Sherman Oaks in Los Angeles County. The Department requests an amendment to update the project schedule and funding plan previously approved under Resolution TA-02-04. (Related item under 2.6e.(2).)
- -- Project #156 Seismic retrofit and core segment improvements for the Bay Area Rapid Transit system. The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District requests an amendment to update the project schedule and funding plan previously approved under Resolution TAA-02-08. (Related item under 2.6e.(2).)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

• Proposition 116 Rail Project Approval Amendment for 2.1e.(1) the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) to deprogram \$345,257.75 in Proposition 116 funds from various projects.

Resolution PA-04-05, Replacing Resolutions PA-93-54; PA-95-08; PA-96-32; PA-96-33; PA-96-37; PA-02-07

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

Proposition 116 Rail Project Approval for the Peninsula 2.1e.(2 Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) to program \$160,080 to the PCJPB Closed Circuit Television Camera & Audible Signs Project. Resolution PA-04-06

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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• Proposition 116 Rail Project Approval Amendment for 2.1e.(3) the North Coast Railroad Authority to deprogram \$72,284.32 in Proposition 116 funds from the Tie Replacement Element of the Northern Projects. Resolution PA-04-07, Amending PA-99-05

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding 2.2c.
 Route 138 in San Bernardino County - Realign highway

in Cajon Pass (ND). Resolution E-04-31

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

Four Relinquishment Resolutions
 4-SCI-85-PM R16.0 Route 85 in the City of Cupertino
Resolution R-3589

-- 4-Ala-260-PM R0.0/R0.6 Route 260 in the City of Alameda - Resolution R-3590

-- 5-SLO-101-PM 49.3 Route 101 in the City of Atascadero - Resolution R-3591

-- 12-Ora-5-PM 39.6 Route 5 in the City of Anaheim Resolution R-3592

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

41. CC• 18 Resolutions of Necessity

Resolutions C-18966 thru C-18971, C-18973

thru C-18975, and C-18977 thru C-18985

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar, as amended, by the Commission.

• 45 Director's Deeds
Items #1 through #3, #6 through #31, and #34
through #49
Excess Lands – Return to State \$11,640,305
Return to Others: \$0

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar, as amended, by the Commission.

• Financial Allocation for Five Minor SHOPP Safety 2.5a.(3) Projects totaling \$2,341,500 plus \$160,000 from other sources. Resolution FP-04-15

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

• Financial Allocation for Three SHOPP Projects totaling 2.5b.(2) \$4,770,000 Amended into the SHOPP by Departmental action. Resolution FP-04-16

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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45. CC	• Financial Allocation for One SHOPP Transportation Enhancement Project for \$885,000 plus \$115,000 from other sources. Resolution FP-04-17	2.5b.(3)
This item wa	as approved on the Consent Calendar.	
46. CC	• Financial Allocation for Two Locally Administered STIP Transportation Enhancement Projects totaling \$680,000 plus \$412,000 from other sources. Resolution FP-04-18	2.5c.(5)
This item wa	as approved on the Consent Calendar.	
47. CC	• Financial Allocation for One Locally Administered Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Project for \$152,000 plus \$3,048,000 from other sources.	2.5c.(7)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

Resolution FP-04-19

• Financial De-Allocation of \$345,257.75 from Five 2.6c. Proposition 116 Rail Program projects in Santa Clara, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties.

(Concurrent Application Amendment under 2.1e.(1).)

Resolution BFA-04-02, Amending Resolution BFP-95-14, BFP-96-06, BFP-96-15, BFP-96-21, and BFP-97-20

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

• Financial Allocation for One Proposition 116 Rail 2.6b. Program project for the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) for \$160,080, per PUC 99636.

(Concurrent Application Amendment under 2.1e(2).)

Resolution BFP-04-02

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

• Financial De-Allocation of \$72,285.32 from One 2.6d. Proposition 116 North Coast Railroad Authority project. (Concurrent Application Amendment under 2.1e.(3).)
Resolution MBFA-04-01,
Amending Resolution MBFA-98-01

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

• Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project Allocation 2.6e.(2)

Amendment Approval. Two allocation amendment requests, no net change in TCR funding.

(Related Item under 2.1c.(2)) Resolution TFP-04-08

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

• Approval of Technical Adjustment to the 2004 State 4.5 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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Resolution G-04-13, Amending Resolution G-04-07

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

• Report by State Treasurer's Office and/or Department 4.10 of Finance on the Indian Gaming Funds

Item #53 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

• Presentation on the Interstate 15 Devore Rehabilitation 5.1 Project

Anne Mayer, Caltrans District 8 Director, presented the I-15 Devore Rehabilitation Project, and illustrated the damaged pavement, construction staging, public feedback, and project features and benefits. Ms. Mayer explained that due to the Department's innovative ideas used for reconstruction, the project was completed in 6 weeks versus 8 months, while a pavement life of 30 years was achieved versus 15 years, and a sizable cost savings was realized.

Ms. Mayer thanked D-8 personnel and the following Caltrans headquarters' employees Carl Haack, Gary Winters, and John Van Berkel, Deputy Director Stephen Maller, Executive Director Diane Eidam and Commissioner Joe Tavaglione for their assistance in the delivery of this project.

Chair Balgenorth, Vice Chair Tavaglione and Commissioner Torres thanked Ms. Mayer for the thorough presentation and commended the Department and District 8 for this well-executed and innovative project.

• State and Federal Legislative Matters *

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*The Commission may consider bills or resolutions newly introduced, recently amended, or calendared for Legislative committee or floor action, subsequent to publication of this agenda. For further information, call Executive Director Diane Eidam at (916) 654-4245.

Deputy Director Robert Chung reported that the following State legislative appointments have been made: Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee is Assemblymember John Laird; Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #5 Information Technology/Transportation is Assemblymember Pedro Nava; Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee is Assemblymember Jenny Oropeza; Chair of the Senate Budget Committee is Senator Joe Dunn; Chair of the Senate Housing and Transportation Committee is Senator Tom Torlakson. The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review appointments are still unknown.

• Report on County Sales Tax Measures.

4.2

Deputy Director Robert Chung reported on the local transportation sales tax measures. Ten measures were on November ballots; seven were successful with 2/3 approval, and three did not pass.

• 2004 Airspace Annual Report by Airspace Advisory 4.6 Committee Chair

Deputy Director Robert Chung introduced Bill Hauf, Airspace Advisory Committee Vice-Chair, who presented the 2004 Airspace Advisory Committee (AAC) report. Mr. Hauf reviewed the AAC's accomplishments for the year, including its recommendation on Assembly Bill 1874 (that was vetoed by the Governor) that would have reduced the Department's airspace and wireless income stream. He noted that this is a new area for the AAC, and they are looking at broadening their mission and role. Mr. Hauf announced one member had resigned from the AAC and asked that the Commission seek new members for the AAC.

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Commissioner Ghielmetti said it was great to see that wireless income went up but asked for further explanations. Commissioner Lawrence commended Mr. Hauf and the AAC members for doing outstanding work for the people of California. Mr. Hauf thanked the Commission for their support and appreciation.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to accept the AAC report and include the AAC report in the Commission's Annual Report to Legislature. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

 Prepare a memorandum to Commissioners, explaining the wireless leasing process and how the leases are standardized.

ACTION: Ross Chittenden/Robert Chung

• 2004 Activity and Accomplishments in the Aeronautics 4.7 Program.

Dan Burkhart, Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (TACA) presented the 2004 Annual Report of Activity and Accomplishments on the Aeronautics Program. Mr. Burkhart thanked the Commission, Deputy Director Robert Chung, and Commissioner Ghielmetti for their support and asked the Commission to include the TACA Report on Accomplishments in the Commission's Annual Report to the Legislature.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to accept and include the TACA report in the annual report to Legislature. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioner Hallisey was absent)

 Per Commissioner Ghielmetti's request, include an aeronautics member on the newly-formed goods movement committee.

ACTION: Annette Gilbertson

59. • 2004 Upcoming Issues in the Aeronautics Program 4.8

Dan Burkhardt, Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (TACA), introduced John Pfeifer, TACA's Vice-Chair. Mr. Burkhart presented the 2004 Annual Report Upcoming Issues in the Aeronautics Program stressing the program's need for a stable funding source that is protected. Major emphasis will be given to land use planning and environmental problems surrounding airports. Mr. Burkhart thanked the Commission for their support. Deputy Director Robert Chung recommended the Commission approve the TACA Report on upcoming issues for inclusion in the Commission's Annual Report to Legislature.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to include the report. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion, which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Hallisey was absent).

60. • Adoption of 2004 Annual Report to Legislature 4.9

Executive Director Diane Eidam reviewed the comments received from the Commissioners and Caltrans staff and requested the Commission approve the Annual Report allowing the Commission staff to do final technical revisions with the final draft approved by the Chair before publication.

Ms. Eidam said the general response was positive recommending the following changes:

- delete the "State of System" item,
 - Add this item when data is available from the Department's Performance Measures,
- expand the California Performance Review section.
- · add a section on the Goods Movement, and
- expand the Annual Report's letter to legislature as the Executive Summary.

Executive Director Diane Eidam gave special thanks to Deputy Director David Brewer for doing an excellent job on the logistical order of the annual report and for his outstanding work as a communicator.

Item Description	<u>Ref. #</u>

Commissioner Torres, Commissioner Lawrence and Cindy McKim, Caltrans, commended Executive Director Diane Eidam and the Commission staff for their efforts in preparing an excellent report to the Legislature.

Commissioner Torres made the motion to approve the annual report with staff's recommendations. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

 Review changes with Chair Balgenorth, finalize, and transmit the Commission's Annual Report to California Legislature.
 ACTION: Diane Eidam/David Brewer

• STIP Amendment 04S-006

2.1a.(4)

The Imperial Valley Association of Governments (IVAG) is requesting this amendment. IVAG proposes to transfer \$276,000 of the \$3,300,000 in RIP funds from Construction to PS&E in FY 2006-07 for the Dogwood Road Widening project (PPNO 0520). IVAG is also requesting the Commission approve an AB 3090 Reimbursement for the \$3,300,000. The County of Imperial will use local funds to replace \$3,300,000 in RIP funds programmed in FY 2006-07 with later reimbursement (PPNO 0520A) in FY 2008-09.

Item #61 was withdrawn prior to the Commission meeting and will return for Commission action in January.

• STIP Amendment 04S-015

2.1b.(8)

The Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is requesting this amendment. TCAG proposes to move \$4,082,000 of RIP funds programmed under the Tulare Transportation Enhancement (TE) Reserve (PPNO D006) in FY 2005-06 through FY 2008-09 to eight new eligible projects.

Deputy Director David Brewer reviewed Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) notice of a proposed Transportation Enhancement (TE) STIP amendment. The major issue is that the STIP is already fully programmed and STIP amendments need to be neutral. Mr. Brewer recommended Tulare staff work with the Commission staff to propose an amendment change that would stay revenue neutral. This item is scheduled for action in January.

63. • STIP Amendment 04S-010

2.1b.(3)

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is requesting this amendment. OCTA requests the Commission approve this amendment for AB 3090 Replacement. OCTA will use local federal funds to replace \$19,043,000 in RIP funds programmed for R/W and R/W Support on the Imperial Highway Grade Separation project (PPNO 4434) and program a total of \$19,043,000 in RIP funds in FY 2006-07 for a replacement project (PPNO 4434A) to be identified at a later date.

Item #63 was moved and presented on the information calendar and noticed, as required.

		<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Ref. #</u>
6	4.	• STIP Amendment 04S-014 The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is requesting this amendment. LACMTA proposes to move \$65,847,000 in RIP funds in FY 2008-09 from Interstate 5 - Carmenita Interchange project (PPNO 2808A) to Interstate 5/Route 14 Carpool Lane Direct Connector project (PPNO 0168M) in FY 2008-09. In addition, LACMTA is requesting \$44,231,000 in previously approved AB 3090 replacement project funding be designated for PPNO 2808A in FY 2005-06 and \$8,247,000 be designated for PPNO 0168M in FY 2008-09 for a total of \$52,505,000. This amendment is revenue neutral programming adjustment that formally designates \$52,505,000 from various projects previously approved for AB 3090 Replacement.	2.1b.(7)

Deputy Director David Brewer reviewed this STIP amendment for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). The major issue is that advancing the delivery of Route 5 Carmenita Interchange depends on early right-of-way funding, which is dependent upon \$81 million in GARVEE bonding and \$71 million in new TCRP funding. The Commission's ability to approve either GARVEE or TCRP funding appears to be dependent on the availability of proceeds from the AB 687 tribal casino gambling bonds. David Yale, MTA, addressed the Commission's concerns regarding cost increases and reviewed available funding options.

65. • STIP Amendment 04S-016

This amendment would advance project delivery on the following six STIP projects through the use of Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Bonding; Route 149 Expressway (PPNO 0016W) in Butte County; Route 80 West Bound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) (PPNO 0261F) in Contra Costa County; Route 99 Kingsburg to Selma Six Lane Freeway (PPNO 1530) in Fresno County; Route 5 Carmenita Interchange (PPNO 2808A) in Los Angeles County; Route 205 Six Lane Freeway (PPNO 7965B) in San Joaquin County; and Route 101 HOV Lanes (PPNO 0789) in Sonoma County. Future county and interregional shares will be used to pay the debt service. The bond proceeds will fund R/W and Construction for these projects starting in FY 2004-05.

2.1b.(9)

Deputy Director David Brewer reviewed the notice of proposed STIP amendment to use GARVEE bonding to finance six STIP projects and the funding uncertainties over the AB 687 bonds.

David Yale, MTA, addressed the Commission's funding concerns and gave three possible funding alternatives to pay for the LA-Route 5 Carmenita Avenue interchange. The Metropolitan Transportation Agency (MTA) wants the project to stay on schedule, but between the GARVEE and gaming bond problems, they are unsure which way to go.

Mr. Brewer reported that given the uncertainty over the AB 687 bonds and the unlikelihood that those bonds will be sold soon, staff recommends that action on this amendment be deferred until the Commission has assurance when the AB 687 bonds will be sold, at least until March 2005.

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• Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Application Amendment 2.1c.(3)

Approval. One application amendment, no net change in TCR funding.

Resolution TAA-04-14, amending resolution TA-00-01
-- Project #43 - Route 5; improve Carmenita Road Interchange in Norwalk in Los Angeles County. The

Department requests an amendment to update the project schedule and funding plan previously approved under

Resolution TA-00-01

(Related item under 2.6e.(3).)

Item #66 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

• Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project Allocation 2.6e.(3)

Amendment Approval. One allocation amendment request to de-allocate \$290,000 in TCR funding. (Related item under 2.1c(3). Resolution TFP-04-09

Item #67 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

• One Resolution of Necessity – Appearance 2.4a.

--Michael L. & Charlene Moule Trustees, et al.

6 Ayes 03-Pla-49-PM 4.65. Resolution C-18965

Deputy Director Stephen Maller reported the property owner sent a letter to the Commission withdrawing his request to appear. Chair Balgenorth asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission on this item. With no one requesting an appearance, Mr. Maller recommended the Commission approve the Resolution of Necessity.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion. Chair Balgenorth ordered a roll call vote. The motion carried 8-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Balgenorth, Tavaglione, Bergeson, Ghielmetti, Hallisey, Lawrence, Lindsey, and Torres (8)

NOES: None (0)

69. • Six-month Estimate of Loan Capacity under AB 1012 3.6

Approval of Funding Level

Resolution G-04-12, Amending G-03-07

Bimla Rhinehart, Caltrans, presented the six-month estimate of loan capacity under AB1012 recommending the Commission suspend this loan program for the six-month period through June 2005.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to approve the Resolution, as recommended by the Department. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

		item Description	<u>Ret. #</u>
7(0.	Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Application Approval. One application for \$33,000,000 in new TCR funding. Resolution TA-04 Project #7.2 – \$33,000,000 for All Phases for CalTrain; expand service to Gilroy; improve parking, stations and platforms along UPRR line in Santa Clara County – Platform Modifications & Gilroy Storage Tracks. (Related item under 2.6e.(1).)	2.1c.(1)

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, reviewed the Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) application approval request by CalTrain for track improvements from San Jose to Gilroy. The Department recommended deferring the application request until the TCR Program's viability is known.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to defer approval. Vice Chair Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project Allocation 2.6e.(1)
Approval. Six allocation requests totaling \$23,944,000 in new TCR funding.
(Related Items under 2.1c.(1) and 2.1c.(2))
Resolution TFP-04-__

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, reviewed the six agency allocation requests and recommended the Commission defer action because of uncertainties with new funding.

Michael Dieden, Creative Housing Association, gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled the "Mission Meridian Station Village--An Innovative Partnership," illustrating the work done by his firm in constructing a transit-oriented, mixed-use development. Mr. Dieden asked that the Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) be liquidated since his firm provided the funding to complete the project. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Ghielmetti suggested Mr. Dieden should contact the City of South Pasadena for assistance.

Commissioner Lawrence toured the project before the meeting stating this project was the best example of a public/private partnership stressing the importance that the Commission should encourage this type of development.

Deputy Director Robert Chung recommended that the Commission defer the allocation request until the future of Traffic Congestion Relief funding is known.

Vice Chair Tavaglione moved to defer the allocation request, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

Routes 5 and 805 in San Diego County – Add High 2.2a.
 Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in San Diego, Solana
 Beach, Encinitas, Carlsbad and Oceanside (NOP)

Deputy Director Robert Chung, CTC, reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for adding HOV lanes in each direction from San Diego, to Solana Beach, to Encinitas, to Carlsbad, to Oceanside in San Diego County. Mr. Chung reviewed the four alternatives proposed and the project cost.

Mr. Chung recommended that the Commission request the Department to include a fiscal analysis of the cost of each alternative and discuss the likelihood of funding from State, Federal and local funding sources.

Commissioner Torres moved to approve the NOP, as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

Item Description	<u>Ref. #</u>

Proposed Annual Set-Aside for the Public Utilities 4.
 Commission (PUC) Railroad Grade Crossing Protection
 Maintenance Program for FY 2005-2006
 Resolution G-04- , Amending G-04-11

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the opinion from the Commission's attorney on the Commission's responsibility regarding the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) Railroad Grade Crossing Maintenance Program's proposed annual set-aside presented last month. Under Streets and Highways Code Section 165, the Commission must consider the broader issue regarding the current and projected cash flows. Mr. Chung noted the Commission "shall review the assumptions and policy directions used in preparing the budget and forward its comments and recommendations to the department."

Mr. Chung recommended the Commission only support a \$1 million allocation set-aside for the upcoming FY 2005-06 budget for use in the PUC grade crossing protection maintenance program, as revenues are not available to fund the requested allocation set-aside of \$4.1 million.

See "Other Matters/Public Opinion" for further discussion regarding this item.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve \$1 million set-aside, as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

74. • Budget Revision to transfer \$200,000 STIP Budget 2.5g. Authority to SHOPP in FY 2002-03. Resolution FM-04-02

Bimla Rhinehart, Caltrans, requested the Commission approve the Department's request to transfer \$200,000 in FY 2002-03 STIP budget authority to the SHOPP, which will result in a net zero technical adjustment. Office building projects are a line item in the State budget requiring Commission action before the Department of Finance will allow budget authority transfers.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the budget transfer. Vice Chair Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

75. Request to Extend the Period of Project Completion for 2.8c. One Local STIP Project in Ventura County for \$810,572. Waiver-04-03

Deputy Director Stephen Maller reviewed the request to extend the project completion deadline for the Montalvo Metrolink Station, explaining the cost increases and funding problems they have experienced.

Peter DeHaan, Ventura County Transportation Commission, presented their plan of action to obtain the additional \$500,000 needed to complete the Bristol Street crossing project.

Mr. Maller recommended the Commission approve the 20-month contract completion extension request.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the extension request, as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commission Hallisey was absent)

76. Request for Waiver for Assembly Bill (AB) 1012 Fifth 2.8f. Cycle "Use it or Lose It" Provisions for Regional Agency Apportioned Federal Funds. (Related item under 3.7) Waiver-04-04

Item Description	<u>Ref. #</u>

Deputy Director Stephen Maller reviewed the waiver request and recommended that the Commission redirect back to Riverside its AB 1012 fifth cycle Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds until June 30, 2005.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the waiver request, as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 7-0. (Commissioner Hallisey was absent)

OTHER MATTERS / PUBLIC COMMENT

6.

The following people requested to speak regarding Item #73 to give their support of the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) request for \$4.1 million allocation set-aside in FY 2005-06 for grade crossing maintenance, expressing safety issues as their main concern:

- Richard Clark, California PUC
- Carol Harris, Union Pacific
- Juan Acosta, BNSF
- Jalene Forbis, California Short Line Railroad Association

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Chair Balgenorth said he sympathizes with them but, unfortunately, there is no money available in the State Highway Account and suggested that they consider bringing the issue to the Legislature for a possible solution.

ADJOURN

Diane C. Eidam, Executive Director

STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS

From December 9, 2004 Commission Meeting

- 3 (1.3) Robert Chung Prepare a letter for Chair Balgenorth's signature nominating the Mojave Airport/Spaceport for a Tranny Award.
 - This will be done.
- 3 (1.3) <u>Annette Gilbertson</u> As per the Commission recommendation that a standing committee on goods movement be formed, prepare a mission statement for the new committee and present it at the January Commission meeting. (January Agenda Item)
 - This will be discussed under Tab 46, Agenda Item 4.7.
- 7 (3.1) <u>Diane Eidam/Stephen Maller</u> In conjunction with the January Commission meeting, arrange for a Commission workshop on STIP and SHOPP allocations, and AB 3090 reimbursements. Also at the workshop, provide a tutorial for Commissioners on cash forecasting. Ask Caltrans to explain, at the workshop, why the purple line on the chart presented goes up and the reasons why. (January Agenda Item)
 - This will be discussed at a separate workshop to be held on January 19 at 2:00 p.m.
- Norma Ortega Per Commissioner Lindsey's request, review and provide information on why there is a big change in the number of projects but not a big change in the number of dollars.
 - This will be done.
- 12 (3.11) <u>Stephen Maller/Bryce Paris</u> Review the statutory authority on purchases of right-of-way with Caltrans and respond to Commissioner Lindsey's question about Kaiser purchasing right-of-way for the Stanislaus Highway 219 project.
 - This will be done.
- 14 (3.13) Annette Gilbertson Work with Caltrans on the survey of lead agencies and regional agencies regarding TCRP needs and priorities.
 - This will be done.
- 57 (4.6) Ross Chittenden/Robert Chung Prepare a memorandum to Commissioners, explaining the wireless leasing process and how the leases are standardized.
 - This will be done.
- 58 (4.7) <u>Annette Gilbertson</u> Per Commissioner Ghielmetti's request, include aeronautics in the goods movement standing committee.
 - This will be done.
- 60 (4.9) <u>Diane Eidam/David Brewer</u> Review changes with Chair Balgenorth, and finalize and transmit the Commission's Annual Report to California Legislature.
 - This has been done.